

1 CLAIMS:

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3 1. A lottery ticket distribution system including:

- 4 (a) a ticket distribution center including an electronic ticket storage device for
5 storing a game set comprising a number of electronic lottery tickets, each
6 electronic lottery ticket being represented by ticket data that includes at least a
7 result and a ticket identifier associated with the respective electronic lottery
8 ticket;
9 (b) a ticket record manufacturing device operatively connected with the ticket
10 distribution center, the ticket record storage device for producing a non-volatile
11 data record or a hard copy ticket record for each electronic lottery ticket in the
12 game set, and being distinct from the electronic ticket storage device;
13 (c) a player terminal for receiving from the ticket distribution center the ticket data
14 representing one of the electronic lottery tickets, the player terminal residing at
15 a location remote from the ticket distribution center;
16 (d) a player ticket printer included with the player terminal, the player ticket printer
17 for printing a player ticket with the result and a ticket identifier included in the
18 respective ticket data; and
19 (e) a communications arrangement for facilitating the communication of the ticket
20 data from the ticket distribution center to the player terminal and for facilitating
21 the communication of a ticket request from the player terminal to the ticket

1 distribution center.

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3 2. The system of Claim 1 wherein the ticket record manufacturing device comprises a hard
4 copy printer that produces the hard copy ticket record for each electronic lottery ticket
5 in the game set.

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7 3. The system of Claim 1 wherein the ticket record storage device comprises an optical
disc writer that produces the non-volatile data record for each electronic lottery ticket in
the game set.

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10 4. The system of Claim 1 further including a display operatively connected to the player
terminal for displaying the result included in the respective ticket data in response to a
player input at the player terminal.

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13 5. The system of Claim 1 wherein the ticket distribution center includes a manufacturing
14 computer for manufacturing the game set.

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18 6. A method for distributing lottery tickets, the method including the steps of:
19 (a) at a ticket distribution center, storing a game set comprising a number of
20 electronic lottery tickets, each electronic lottery ticket being represented by a
21 respective collection of ticket data that includes at least a result and a ticket

1 identifier associated with the respective electronic lottery ticket;

2 (b) producing a game set record comprising a non-volatile data record for each
3 respective electronic ticket or comprising a hard copy ticket record for each
4 respective electronic ticket;

5 (c) communicating the ticket data representing one of the electronic tickets over a
6 communication arrangement from the ticket distribution center to a player
7 terminal at a location remote from the ticket distribution center;

8 (d) at the player terminal location, printing a player ticket with the result and ticket
9 identifier included in the respective ticket data communicated from the ticket
10 distribution center to the player terminal; and

11 (e) at the player terminal location, displaying a representation indicating the result
12 included in the respective ticket data communicated from the ticket distribution
13 center to the player terminal.

14 7. The method of Claim 6 further including the step of generating the game set at the
15 ticket distribution center.
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18 8. The method of Claim 6 wherein the step of communicating the ticket data representing
19 one of electronic tickets is performed in response to a player input at the player
20 terminal.
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- 1 9. The method of Claim 6 further including the step of storing the respective ticket data
2 while different ticket data representative of a different one of the electronic lottery
3 tickets is printed on a different player ticket in response to a play request entered
4 through the player terminal.
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6 10. The method of Claim 6 further including the step of storing the respective ticket data
7 while different ticket data representative of a different one of the electronic lottery
8 tickets is printed on the player ticket in response to a play request entered through the
9 player terminal.
- 10 11. The method of Claim 6 further including the steps of:
- 11 (a) communicating different ticket data representing a different one of the electronic
12 tickets over the communication arrangement from the ticket distribution center
13 to the player terminal;
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- 15 (b) at the player terminal location, printing the player ticket with the result included
16 in the additional ticket data; and
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- 18 (c) at the player terminal location, displaying a representation indicating the result
19 included in the additional ticket data.
- 20 12. The method of Claim 11 further including the step of ejecting the player ticket in
21 response to an end play signal.